

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

Date: August 23, 2012

7:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL OFFICE, 5 LINSLEY STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Anita Anderson, Carole Franceschet, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Caldwell, Stephen Consiglio, Alicia Clapp, Stephen DiCapua, Matt Kerzner, and Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Wesley O'Brien was not in attendance

1. Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2012

Moved: to approve the Minutes of July 12, 2012

Approved

MOVED: Carole Franceschet
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Chairman's Report

Mrs. Anderson welcomed Matt Kerzner to the Board of Education, stating that Matt's background is in HR and contract negotiations, which will be a valuable resource to the Board of Education. Mrs. Anderson stated that the Board looks forward to working with Mr. Kerzner. Mrs. Anderson stated that Dr. Cronin and the bus company will be monitoring the bus situation very carefully with regards to the Middle School and High School changes. They will then report back to the Board of Education ANY issues that may arise, what the issue was, and how it was handled. Mrs. Anderson stated that the Board of Education will review and evaluate the bus situation after three months. She reported that the bus schedule was posted yesterday, and after reviewing the schedule Dr. Cronin, Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Anderson will be meeting with the M & J Bus Company on Monday, August 27, 2012 to get better clarification based on the presentation they gave the Board of Education back in May and June. Mrs. Anderson stated if there are any changes, they will be posted immediately on the website and parents and students will be notified at home.

Mrs. Anderson wished everyone a very successful school year.

3. Financial Reports

- a. 2012-2013 Financial Report

Mrs. Carling stated due to a lack of quorum at last month's Finance and Operations Meeting, She will report a combined July and August report at next month's meeting.

4. Report of Standing Committees

- a. Finance and Operations

1. Fiscal Year ending June 20, 2012 Financial Report

Mr. Bogen reported on the closing out of the 2011-2012 financial report. Mr. Bogen stated there was a \$36,000 balance (positive). He reported there was a \$110,000 contribution to capital funding, as well as being able to deposit some money in the benefits account, which had a shortfall in the past. Mr. Bogen stated that the district is inviting auditors in to review the 2012 audit in January.

2. Approval of Internet Policy

TABLED

Mr. Bogen reported that the approval of the Internet Policy was tabled at the Finance and Operations Meeting. Finance and Operations has decided to get together a "Policy Committee" to review all of the district policies. Once this committee is formed, policies will be reviewed, and modified, if needed.

Mrs. Carling clarified that the lunch prices have gone up 15 cents, not 15 percent as reported in a newspaper article earlier this month. This increase is due to the new regulations and the change in the mandatory guidelines of what has to be given to students (fruits and vegetables, etc.)

b. Personnel

Mrs. Anderson made the following motion:

1. To add two motions to the agenda with regards to personnel Approved

Moved: to add Motion to this Agenda with regards to appointment a new Director of Curriculum, Instruction

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Matt Kerzner
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of adding "personnel issues" to the executive session items and vote on the ratification of teachers after executive session. Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of the appointment of Melinda McKenna, Director of Curriculum, Instruction Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matt Kerzner
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of the resignation of Stacey Albertson, Kindergarten teacher at Green Acres Elementary School Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

5. Approval of the resignation of Laura Hoke, Grade 1 teacher at Clintonville Elementary School Action Item

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matt Kerzner
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

c. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

Mrs. Franceschet reported that Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that ACES did not meet this month.

6 .North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Caldwell reported that North Haven PTA Council did not meet this month.

Old News:

1. Adopt-A-School

Mrs. Anderson reported that Adopt-A-School will begin once again, now that school is in session, stating that with new Board of Education members on board she will be assigning them schools to visit. Mrs. Anderson reported that next month's Board of Education meeting will be at Clintonville Elementary School on September 13, 2012

7. Enrollment

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported the following:

- Tuesday and Wednesday August 21, 22 is New Teacher Orientation. We have 12 new teachers coming into the district, that being 1 "new" position and 11 replacement positions (e.g. retirements, child rearing, etc). All of the new teachers were taken on a tour of North Haven by members of the Historical Society.
- Thursday, August 23, 2012 was the third day of planning with Administrators
- Friday, August 24, 2012 was Intern Orientation
- Monday, August 27, 2012 was a Professional Day held at the High School
- Tuesday, August 28, 2012 is the District Convocation, also held at the High School at 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 29, 2012 schools open
- There is a possibility of re-introducing the "after school" bus to the Middle School/High School.

9. Public Comments

- Dyann Vissichio commented on the school calendar, her concerns regarding the bus changes, as well as offering bullying programs which target different age groups that she found to be very informative. She wanted to know if the students would have assigned seats or somehow separated by schools, and Dr. Cronin stated that that was the plan to have the Middle School students at the front of the bus and High School students in the back. Mrs. Vissichio also had very specific bus concerns on behalf of other parents that she will take up with Mr. Piscitelli.

10. Executive Session: pending legal issues

Moved: to go into executive session 8:10 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Stephen DiCapua
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to return to public session at 8:25 p.m.:

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Jennifer Caldwell
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

1. Approval of the Ratification of teachers hired in June, July, and August

Approved

Moved: to approve the Ratification of teachers hired in June, July and August

MOVED: Stephen DiCapua
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 6
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 2

Alicia Clapp and Jennifer Caldwell abstained

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Carole Franceschet
AYE: 8
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson,
Chairman